Production of Coal on Commercial basis

3079. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal mines in the country which are being utilised on commercial basis, State-wise;

(b) the total production in these mines during the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken to increase their production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) The Statewise number of Coal mines of Coal India Limited which are being utilised on commercial basis and coal produced from such mines during 1993-94 and 1994-95 are as under:—

State	No. of Coal Mines as on 31-3-1994	Coal produced during 1993/94 (In million tonnes)	Coal produced during 1994/95* (In million tonnes)
1. West Bengal	110		
2. Bihar	184		
3. Orissa	20		
4. Madhya Pradesh	146	216.10	223.15
5. Maharashtra	27		
6. Uttar Pradesh	4		
7. Assam	7		
	498	*Provisional	

(e) Coal India Limited have taken following steps to increase the production of coal.

(i) Improved manpower planning including redeployment of surplus workers.

(ii) Deployment of higher capacity equipment like draglines, shovels, dumpers and drills in opencast mines.

(iii) Introduction of new technologies like mechanised longwall, multislicing, blasting gallery method load haul dumper, side discharge loaders and roof bolting in underground mines.

(iv) Improvement in availability and utilisation of equipment by providing adequate workshop support, improved management of spares and timely rehabilitation of equipment.

(v) Improvement in working conditions by providing better ventilation, better lighting and improved communication system in underground mines.